

**Information for International Students:
The Intercultural Mentoring Program at the University of Arts Berlin**

The **Intercultural Mentoring Program (IKM)** helps international students get a good start at the UdK Berlin. The program helps students to establish contacts and learn German. Together with other international students, you can learn about the structure of the UdK and what studying at a German university is really like. In small groups, along with student mentors, you are given the opportunity to explore this new culture. You will be able to broaden your studies with various workshops. The international students can get **4 ECTS points for the “Studium Generale” module equivalent to seminars in the field of cultural studies. Each semester a maximum of 2 credit points (LP) can be earned.**

Our team of international mentors consists of UdK students and former participants of the Intercultural Mentoring Program, who have previously gained experience abroad. The aim is to create a relaxed, friendly atmosphere where students can ask questions, find solutions and hear some of the mentors' own experiences. The Intercultural Mentoring is composed out of two individual meetings, five activities and one workshop each semester. Several diverse activities and workshops are provided which help students to improve their communication and writing skills.

At our official opening event, as part of an introductory workshop, we are going to introduce the IKM and answer your first questions. At a following inaugural activity, you will meet other participants and be divided into groups. You will then have the chance to discuss further activities with your mentor, including the exploration of Berlin's diverse cultural landscape.

At this event, you can also sign up for various workshops that help you to improve your communication and writing skills. These workshops do not replace a German language course, rather give you the tools to communicate effectively in different situations.

During the winter semester, mentees can attend workshops such as “Conversation Techniques in Feedback- and Teamwork Situations” where typical conversational situations are analysed and patterns and strategies for conversation are practiced. Furthermore, a workshop that helps students to improve their writing skills is provided. In this workshop you can practice not only how to write different types of texts for university, but also other practical information and training is given, to help the students with other texts, such as a curriculum vitae, application letters and so forth. Our qualified teachers are looking forward to helping you. During the semester break and summer semester, we offer other workshops such as “Academic Approach” and “Presentation Methods and Project Work at the UdK”.

Requirements for the first semester (2 ECTS): participation in at least 2 individual meetings with your mentor, 5 group activities, and one workshop.

Flexible schedule for the 2nd semester (1-2 ECTS): In the 2nd semester you can sign up for the IKM modularly and decide if you want to gain 1 or max. 2 credit points. The available activities and workshops are announced at the beginning of the semester. The highlight of the 2nd semester is our trip to Sauen, where we spend a stimulating weekend having discussions, doing projects and going on small expeditions.

We promise that by the end of your second semester we will have helped you to adjust to your new environment, become friends with your fellow students and solve your problems independently. The IKM is always going to support you.

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Studium Generale at the University of Arts (UdK) Berlin**

Studium Generale is an **interdisciplinary, cultural science based, artistic program** at the University of Arts (UdK) Berlin. Every semester, a variety of multidisciplinary seminars, workshops and lectures are offered to broaden your perspective and encourage mutual learning. Studium Generale is part of all degree programs (except teacher training programs). During your studies at the UdK you can gain 10 credit points equivalent to 10 SWS.

Our motto “**Diversity in the Dialog**” is apparent in all teaching events, where topics concerning the Fine Arts, culture and society are discussed and processed artistically. Students of various cultural- and artistic backgrounds not only share their different approaches and perspectives, but also complement one another. Comprehensive themes, such as “the limits of capitalism” (WS 2013/2014), “beauty” (SS 2014), “the strange and the other” (WS 2014/2015), “rituals” (SS 2015) and “transformations/ metamorphosis” give the teaching events of the Studium Generale topicality by creating a starting point for scientific studies and artistic explorations.

The Studium Generale has two main focuses that involve interdisciplinary practice and theory:

Firstly, **cultural science courses** offer interdisciplinary access to concepts, theories and methods. This enables students to question their own artistic work and the content of the courses they attend by looking at it from artistic, political and social perspectives. It is obligatory to **attend an introductory lecture** in cultural studies in the first or second semester. During their studies, students have to gain **2 to 4 credit points in cultural science seminars**. Take note however, that for some courses there are specific rules about when the points can be gained for the module.

The second focus of Studium Generale includes a **collective artistic practice** where experimental artistic methods are encouraged. Students are acquainted with different mindsets and approaches, creating a foundation for a multidisciplinary cooperation. During their studies, students have to gain **2 to 4 credit points in interdisciplinary artistic seminars and workshops**. Take note however, that for some courses there are specific rules about when the points can be gained for the module.

Furthermore, Studium Generale offers a specific range of courses for international students; the **Intercultural Mentoring**. It helps international students get a good start at the UdK Berlin by helping students to establish contacts and learn German. Together with other international students, you can learn about the structure of the UdK and what studying at a German university is really like. In small groups, along with student mentors, you are given the opportunity to explore this new culture. In workshops, you can also learn important study skills. The international students can get **4 ECTS points for the “Studium Generale” module equivalent to seminars in the field of cultural studies. Each semester a maximum of 2 credit points (LP) can be earned.**